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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 2014-M-00967

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IN RE: CHRIS MCDANIEL

Petitioner

ORDER

Before the panel of Waller, C.J., Kitchens and Coleman, JJ., is the Emergency Petition for Writ of Mandamus filed by Chris McDaniel. McDaniel requests the Court to compel Gayle Parker, Circuit Clerk of Harrison County, to allow him full examination of original election materials, including poll books and voting records, in order to confirm the validity and legality of votes cast in the June 24, 2014, Republican Party primary runoff election.

After due consideration, the panel finds that the circuit clerk should be, and she is hereby, required to respond to the Emergency Petition for Writ of Mandamus. On behalf of the State of Mississippi, the Mississippi Attorney General also shall respond to McDaniel's petition.

The Court further finds that McDaniel shall supplement his petition, answering the following questions:

(1) Mississippi Code Annotated Section 23-15-911 provides that a candidate "shall have the right of full examination of said [ballot] box and its contents." What specifically do you mean by *election ballot boxes and their contents* as referenced in your petition and upon what authorities do you rely to support your position in this regard?

(2) What other state and/or federal laws, if any, may impact the disclosure of voters' personal information?

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Gayle Parker, Circuit Clerk of Harrison County, and the Mississippi Attorney General shall file their respective responses to McDaniel's Emergency Petition for Writ of Mandamus on or before 2:00 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Chris McDaniel shall supplemental his petition in accordance with this order on or before 2:00 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2014.

SO ORDERED, this the 15th day of July, 2014.


JAMES W. KITCHENS, JUSTICE